

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the existing claims with the following set of claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for inhibiting lipase activity in a mammal-related to control animals, said method comprising the step of:
~~by orally feeding~~administering to said the mammal an avian antibody that ~~binds~~ decreases activity of lipase relative to a control, wherein said control does not receive said avian antibody in the gastro-intestinal tract of said mammal.
2. (cancelled)
3. (cancelled)
4. (cancelled)
5. (withdrawn)
6. (withdrawn)
7. (cancelled)

8. (currently amended) The method of ~~claim 1~~claim 1, wherein prior to the step of administering to ~~feeding said the~~ mammal said avian antibody, said avian antibody is produced in avian eggs.

9. (withdrawn)

10. (withdrawn)

11. (cancelled)

12. (withdrawn)

13. (withdrawn)

14. (currently amended) The method of ~~claim 1~~claim 1, wherein prior to the step of ~~feeding~~administering said avian ~~antibody~~ antibody, ~~the~~ said avian antibody is first freeze dried or spray dried.

15. (withdrawn)

16. (withdrawn)

17. (cancelled)

18. (currently amended) The method of ~~claim 1~~claim 1, wherein
the ~~orally fed~~said avian antibody is fed in a powder form.

19. (cancelled)

20. (cancelled)

21. (cancelled)

22. (cancelled)

23. (withdrawn)

24. (withdrawn)

25. (cancelled)

26. (cancelled)

27. (cancelled)

28. (cancelled)

29. (cancelled)

30. (cancelled)

31. (currently amended) The method of ~~claim~~claim 1, wherein
the ~~orally fed~~said avian antibody is fed in a liquid form.

32. (cancelled)

33. (cancelled)

34. (cancelled)

35. (cancelled)

36. (cancelled)

37. (cancelled)

38. (cancelled)

39. (cancelled)

40. (cancelled)

41. (cancelled)

42. (cancelled)

43. (cancelled)

44. (new) A method of decreasing lipase activity in feed, said method comprising the step of:

adding together a known amount of lipase and a quantity of antilipase antibodies, wherein the activity of said known amount of lipase is decreased by approximately 5% to approximately 50%.

45. (new) The method of claim 44, wherein a ratio by weight of said known amount of lipase to said quantity of antilipase antibody comprises less than 0.12.

46. (new) The method of claim 44, wherein a ratio by weight of said known amount of lipase to said quantity of antilipase antibody comprises less than 0.028.

47. (new) A method of controlling weight gain in mammals by limiting lipase activity, said method comprising the step of:

administering a quantity of antilipase antibody to the mammals, wherein said quantity of antilipase antibody requires an increase of more than approximately 35% in food intake to increase weight of the mammals by 1 gram.

48. (new) The method of claim 47, wherein said quantity of antilipase requires an increase of more than approximately 450% in food intake to increase weight of the mammals by 1 gram.

49. (new) The method of claim 47, wherein said antilipase antibody comprises avian antilipase antibody.

50. (new) The method of claim 47, wherein said step of administering comprises orally administering said antilipase antibody.

51. (new) The method of claim 50, wherein said step of orally administering comprises orally administering said antilipase antibody in combination with the mammal's feed.

52. (new) A method of monitoring weight change in mammals resulting from decreased lipase activity, said method comprising the steps of:

measuring the body weight of said mammals before and after feed intake, wherein said mammals receive antilipase antibody;

measuring the body weight of controls before and after feed intake, wherein said controls do not receive antilipase antibody;

feeding said mammals and said controls, wherein said mammals' feed contains antilipase antibodies; and

calculating a quantity of feed required for said mammals to gain a selected unit of body weight.

53. (new). The method of claim 52, further comprising the step of feeding comprises feeding said quantity of antilipase antibody in a liposomal preparation.

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54. (new) The method of claim 52, wherein said quantity of antilipase antibody is collected from the yolks of eggs from chickens.